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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN SOVIET EXPERTS TALKS

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1. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER THE FOLLOWING DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR THE JUNE 12-14 ROUND OF THE US-JAPAN SOVIET EXPERTS TALKS. WE WOULD NOW LIKE YOU TO PRESENT IT TO THE JAPANESE FOR THEIR COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE SECTION ON SIBERIA, WHICH WILL BE COVERED IN THE AIRLIE HOUSE PORTION OF THE CONFERENCE. IF THE JAPANESE WILL AGREE, WE PLAN TO HAVE US ACADEMICS PRESENT PAPERS ON THE FIRST TWO SIBERIAN TOPICS AND ASK
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THE JAPANESE TO LEAD THE FINAL TWO SESSIONS WHICH DEAL WITH SIBERIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND JAPANESE-SOVIET-US COMMERCIAL COOPERATION IN SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY SOONEST SO WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE SELECTION OF ACADEMIC PARTICIPANTS AND ASSIGN THEM TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION. A COPY OF THE SCHEDULE WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE JAPANESE EMBASSY FOR ITS COMMENTS.

2. FOR MOSCOW: WE ARE GLAD THAT BILL BROWN WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART, AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE MATERIALS FROM YOUR SIBERIAN SEMINAR.

3. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR US-JAPAN SOVIET EXPERTS TALKS:

JUNE 12 0930 OPENING REMARKS.

10:00 US-USSR POLITICAL RELATIONS.

11:15 JAPAN-USSR POLITICAL RELATIONS.

12:30 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS.

1545 JAPAN-USSR ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

JUNE 13 0930 SOVIET DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY (JAPANESE PRESENTATION).

10:45 SOVIET DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY (US PRESENTATION).

12:00 RECESS FOR FREE LUNCHEON PERIOD AND TO COLLECT BAGGAGE.

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1400 DEPART BY BUS FOR AIRLIE HOUSE.

1500 ARRIVE AIRLIE HOUSE (PARTICIPANTS WILL BE JOINED BY US ACADEMICS AND PERHAPS OTHER NON-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES).

2000 SOVIET DEVELOPMENT POLICY TOWARDS SIBERIA.

I. SOME HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.

II. THE PRESENT ERA.

A. THE EFFECT OF THE DETERIORATION OF SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THE DEPLETION OF THE EUROPEAN USSR'S ENERGY RESOURCES ON SOVIET INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPING SIBERIA.

B. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOVIET DECISION TO SOLICIT FOREIGN, ESPECIALLY JAPANESE, ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING SIBERIA.

C. WHAT THE SOVIETS ARE CONCENTRATING ON (ENERGY, EXTRACTION, HEAVY INDUSTRY, INFRASTRUCTURE) AND WHAT THEY ARE

NEGLECTING).

D. THE ROLE OF SCIENCE IN THE EFFORT TO DEVELOP SIBERIA.

III. THE FUTURE.

A. WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED SOVIET INVESTMENT?

B. WHAT PRECISELY DO THEY EXPECT FROM FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT:
HOW MUCH CAN THEY HANDLE, AND HOW SOON?

C. HOW DO THEY PLAN TO DEAL WITH THE PERENNIAL LABOR
PROBLEM. HOW MUCH OF A CONSTRAINT IS IT LIKELY TO BE ON
THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS?
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IV. IMPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN POLICY.

2200 ADJOURN FOR THE EVENING.

JUNE 14 0930 SOVIET ENERGY PROSPECTS.

I. AN OVERVIEW OF SIBERIA'S RESOURCES AND SOVIET PLANS
FOR DEVELOPING THEM. WILL THE SOVIETS BE ABLE TO DEVELOP
SIBERIA'S RESOURCES RAPIDLY ENOUGH TO AVOID AN ENERGY
CRISIS?

II. COAL.

A. EXTENT OF PROVEN RESERVES.

B. STATUS OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

C. NEED FOR FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT.

D. THE EXPORT POTENTIAL.

III. OIL.

A. EXTENT OF PROVEN RESERVES.

B. STATUS OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY
TYUMEN AND SAKHALIN.

C. NEED FOR FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT.

D. THE EXPORT POTENTIAL.

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IV. NATURAL GAS.

A. EXTENT OF PROVEN RESERVES.

B. STATUS OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

C. NEED FOR FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT;

D. THE EXPORT POTENTIAL;

VI; NUCLEAR POWER;

A. EXTENT OF SOVIET DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS;

B. NEED FOR FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT;

C; THE EXPORT POTENTIAL;

VII. IMPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN POLICY;

1045 SOVIET PLANS FOR SIBERIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT;

I. STATUS REPORT ON NON-ENERGY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

A. TIMBER.

B. EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES--COPPER, GOLD, DIAMONDS, IRON
ORE.

C. HEAVY INDUSTRY.

II. PROBLEMS OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.

A. POWER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

B. DEVELOPING ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES--RAIL,
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ROAD, RIVERINE, AND OCEAN GOING.

C. THE LABOR PROBLEM--PROVIDING AMENITIES FOR THE WORKERS.

III. THE BAIKAL-AMUR RAILROAD--THE PROJECT OF THE CENTURY.

A. CURRENT STATUS AND PROBABLE COMPLETION DATE.

B. ROLE OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT;

C. IMPLICATIONS OF ITS COMPLETION.

IV. IMPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN POLICY.

1330 JAPANESE-SOVIET-US COMMERCIAL COOPERATION IN SIBERIAN
DEVELOPMENT.

A. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT.

B. CURRENT STATUS OF JAPANESE INTEREST IN VARIOUS SIBERIAN
PROJECTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.

C. PRESENT AND FUTURE IMPACT ON JAPANESE FOREIGN TRADE.

D. US POLICY TOWARD INVOLVEMENT OF US FIRMS IN SIBERIAN
DEVELOPMENT.

E. STATUS OF US INVOLVEMENT IN ANY ONGOING PROJECTS AND
FUTURE PROSPECTS.

1530 CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT.

1600 DEPART AIRLIE FOR RETURN TO WASHINGTON.
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4. ABOVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE COULD BE ADAPTED TO FOLLOW
ALTERNATING US-JAPAN CHAIRMANSHIP BY SWITCHING ORDER OF
SESSIONS II AND III AT AIRLIE HOUSE IF JAPANESE AGREE TO
LEAD DISCUSSION OF SESSION ON SOVIET PLANS FOR SIBERIAN
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND JAPANESE-SOVIET-US COMMERCIAL
COOPERATION.

5. FYI DAS LUERS HAD LUNCH WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY POL-
COUNSELOR ARIMA MARCH 28 AND TOOK OCCASION TO PASS COPY
OF PROPOSED SCHEDULE SHOWN ABOVE. ARIMA EMPHASIZED THAT
JAPANESE WERE TAKING STRONG INTEREST IN THIS ROUND OF
TALKS AND THAT THEY LOOKED FORWARD TO SESSIONS. ARIMA
INDICATED THAT OVERALL JAPANESE DELEGATION WOULD NUMBER
TEN OR ELEVEN, INCLUDING SIX FROM TOKYO. HE ALSO SAID
THAT MIYAZAWA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EUROPEAN BUREAU, MAY
PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS. COOPER

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